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Music to secede

by nigel gibson

Representatives from the different campus graduate and undergraduate societies met last night with Students' Society president Gabor Zinner and told him they are prepared to make good on threats of secession unless there is a reordering of the Society's financial allocations.

Music representative Patrick Ormos told the Board of Regular Committees, made up of the presidents of the different societies, that the Music Undergraduate Society has already decided unanimously for secession, and that all that remains are for the details to be worked out.

Addressing Zinner, Ormos said, "You can have a dollar from each music student for the Daily, and a dollar each for the Union, but we want the rest of the money."

Earlier in the meeting Engineering Undergraduate Society president Jan Peeters introduced a motion which would restrict the Students' Society to spending only 25 per cent of its operating budget on running the Union. Peeters pointed out that presently the Society spends fully 67 percent of its budget, \$190,000 out of an annual total of \$280,000 on Union maintenance and administrative expenses.

The motion was tabled for a week to allow the Students' Society to present a position paper on the financial position of the

organization.

Privately however, Students' Society officers indicated that such a restriction would in effect make it impossible to continue the operations of the union.

The question of the Daily editorship was also raised at the meeting. President Gabor Zinner had counted on the support of the Graduate societies rallying behind him in his attempt to subordinate the Daily to the dictates of the Students' Council. This support however failed to materialize. From the start of the meeting members made it

tion of Zinner for his unprincipled stand on the matter, the Board moved quickly to table the Daily question indefinitely.

The Board did, however, express concern that the open Students' Society meeting called for this coming Friday would be annulled on the technicality that there was no official Daily being published to print the required official notice in. The presidents instructed Zinner to take the necessary steps to ensure that an official Daily be published with notice of the meeting.

It was also moved at the mee-

OPEN MEETING CALLED

Dear Sir,

Upon receipt of the following motion bearing 970 signatures, and in accordance with Article XV (3) of the Constitution, a Special Meeting of the Students' Society is called for 1 o'clock on Friday, March 24, 1972 in the ballroom of the University Centre.

Gabor Zinner
President, Students' Society

THE TEXT OF THE MOTION IS PRINTED ON PAGE 2

clear that what they were after was more money, and that the question of the Daily was incidental.

In fact, after a brief discussion on the question, and the rejection of a motion introduced by the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society calling for the resigna-

tion that both students' councilors and student representatives on Senate be made directly responsible to their respective faculty councils. The motion passed unanimously and a committee was set up to study the necessary constitutional changes over the summer.



daily photo by harold rosenberg

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES at last night's Board of Regular Committees meeting vote in favor of open meeting of students which will decide on motions to rescind Council action on the contract and the appointment of Tim Denton as editor.

ISA elects new executive

by arnold bennett

The International Students' Association elected a new executive yesterday, which intends to make sweeping changes in the structure of the association.

The victors in the election, who represent a slate based on the McGill Anti-Fee Hike Coalition are Harn Yanghwee, President; Tony Morgan, Vice-President; Barbara Hellwig, executive secretary; Alice Adrianow, treasurer; and Alberto Galeano, public relations officer.

They intend to "reorganize the ISA and reorient its priorities."

According to Yanghwee and Morgan, the ISA in the past "was conceived of as something that would help the national clubs to govern themselves and to display their way of life. This is a colonial concept."

"We see ourselves not as an executive, but as a coordinating committee for a coalition of national clubs," they said in an interview.

"Right now the ISA executive has become an isolated body," Yanghwee asserted. "It's supposed to represent foreign students, but most people don't know what the ISA is about. When people speak of the ISA, they shouldn't mean the executive, but rather the council of the national clubs, which should represent the whole student body of the clubs as well as other foreign students who do not belong to any club."

"What we want," summed up Yanghwee, "is an 'open ISA', just like the McGill Daily."

"The ISA has been dominated by a self-perpetuating clique that bore no resemblance to the Third World," Tony Morgan charged. "Considering that the ISA is com-

posed mainly of Third World students, it should reflect that composition not only in a sort of colonial cultural sense, but also in the sense of what's going on in the Third World—that is, the dynamic economic and political transformation of Africa, Asia, and Latin America."

"The Students' Society should not use the national clubs as colonial possessions that must pay it back with some sort of profit," Morgan maintained. "Yet this is the case under the existing conditions for getting a budget."

Morgan wants to "make the ISA what it should be: a coalition of people from all over the world engaged in a constant struggle for self-determination and economic independence."

He wants to "put it across that the ISA is the only organization with which foreign students can identify and that it should be treated as such."

ISFD

An urgent meeting of all concerned students has been called by the Independent Students for a Free Daily for today at 4 pm in Union room B26. Planning for an Open Meeting of the Students' Society this coming Friday will take place.

OPEN MEETING

Meeting with Nesar Ahmad (staff choice for Daily editor) and Tim Denton (Council choice for Daily editor). Hillel House, 3460 Stanley, 1 pm.

NOTES

MR ZINNER WITHDRAWS HIS SIGNATURE

Yesterday a second ISFD-sponsored petition was circulated on campus. It demanded an open meeting of the Student's Society to deal with the question of next year's Daily as well as the "contract" drawn up by the council and passed at last Wednesday's meeting concerning the Daily.

The second petition became necessary when Mr. Zinner refused to act on the first ISFD petition, signed by over 2,000 students, which requested a second council meeting to reverse the original decisions.

I approached Mr. Zinner, president of the Student's Society, at 9:50 in the lobby of the Union and asked him to read the second petition. I clearly explained to him that the petition called for an open meeting of the Student's Society to deal with Council's decisions on the Daily. After studying it, he signed it and left.

At 11:00 another student, John Manwaring, and I circulated this same petition in Professor Metcalfe's Poli. Sci. 211 class in the Stewart Biology Building. Mr. David Rovins, Internal Vice-President of the Students' Society, was given the exact same petition as Mr. Zinner had signed. He read it for approximately five minutes and signed directly below Mr. Zinner's signature.

At 1:15 I was informed by a member of ISFD that Mr. Zinner wished to see me in his office. At approximately 2:15 I entered

Mr. Zinner's office where Mr. Victor Loewy, Mr. Robert Lantos, Mr. David Rovins and Mr. Zinner were meeting. Mr. Zinner informed me that he wanted to remove his name from the petition because he felt that he had not understood the implications of his signature. I then asked Mr. Rovins if he wished to have his name removed as well. He replied, "Yes, I only signed it because Gabby's name was there. If he takes his name off then I guess I'd better take mine off too."

I then requested Mr. Rovins and Mr. Zinner to give me a written statement (which is reproduced in the letters section) which expressed their desires.

Fifteen minutes later Mr. Zinner and Mr. Rovins were received at the Daily office by Mr. Ahmad and myself. They signed their statements and crossed their names off the petition. Mr. Zinner explained that he had signed the petition in a hurry because he had been on his way to an accordion lesson at the time and had not been able to analyze the implications.

I can simply say that a Student's Society president who signs documents without understanding them is not exactly acting in the interests of students. Secondly an Internal Vice-President who signs and removes his name according to the whims of the President is not exactly independently-minded. I am further outraged that both gentlemen cannot endorse an open students' meeting. Under these circumstances, students must now act as effectively as possible to decide relevant questions on their own. To this end, I urge everyone to attend Friday's meeting which will finally place decision making in the hands of

students.

Michel Celemenski.
ISFD.

HACKING IT OUT

Because I have been encountering much belligerence from the Daily and other groups accusing me of being a 'Hack', I feel it is about time this hack speak up and let the students decide whether, in fact, I am serving them.

For 3½ years I was an apathetic student on this campus. I drifted along totally ignorant of the injustices committed against students, and what's more not really caring, except for involving myself in showing weekly comedy films.

It was this year that I decided to get involved. I couldn't close my eyes to the exploitation of students by the administration, by the Students' Society, and by the ASUS.

The Students' Society takes \$24 from each student and supposedly rechannels the money back to the students. Bullshit. For the last 2½ years, all we've gotten for our money was the McGill Daily, whose relevance is questionable, and a disgusting, inept, cafeteria service.

The administration gets 77% of its money from the government, 20% from students, and 3% from miscellaneous sources. Of the 3% from miscellaneous sources, a small part is contributed by the Board of Governors, the true autocratic ruling force of this university. Students pay 20% of the

faculty salaries, yet get pushed around by Faculty and the Board of Governors who, I reiterate, contribute an insignificant amount to running the university. Students have virtually no say in their own education, and only token representation on all governing bodies.

The ASUS, suffice it to say, has become totally and deliberately divorced from the students' needs. They give the money of the arts and science students to off campus groups, deliberately avoiding publicity lest the students know they are being screwed.

I decided in December to try and help fight these injustices by running for president of the Students' Society. If anyone cares to examine my platform, they will ascertain that all I have said up to now is accurate.

During the January by-election, I spoke to other candidates, which is only natural, and told them I would be willing to offer my services in helping the Students' Society provide more for the students. Gabor Zinner won the election and, remembering what I had spoken to him about, asked me if I would like to run a program for the Union including free films, music, coffeeshops, etc. I agreed. The Union had been so severely lacking in providing services to the students, that I took this opportunity to do something I felt was worthwhile.

So far as the ASUS is concerned, I ran for treasurer because, as I mentioned, I thought Arts and Science students were being screwed. I won the election.

Regarding the administration, I have written an article, (to appear in the 'Plumber's Pot'), and have applied for membership

to the Senate Academic Policies Committee. This area, I might add, is my priority, ahead of all others in student politics.

Now, to comment on the Daily crisis. Here again I feel, the students are being screwed. The Daily is the most tangible manifestation of Students' Society money being rechannelled to the students - It is the most vital link of information between the Students' Society and the students. It has a budget equal to that of ASUS. The council should not be permitted, under any circumstances, to choose the Daily editor nor to meddle into its affairs.

I support neither Denton, nor Ahmad as editor. That is my prerogative as a student. How many other students, however, are being screwed because they have no voice in choosing the Daily editor? I also object strongly to the way that precious 30 minutes were grudgingly given by Council to let the students speak at the last Council meeting. Students are not under anyone's domination. It's bad enough that the administration has to push us around - let alone fellow students.

Only through a referendum can the Daily editor be chosen. Only the students can decide whom they want or do not want as editor.

I feel that it is unfortunate that the people in the Daily office have been casting me as a bureaucratic hack of the executive. The only people I am working for in all of my political positions are the students - I have no individual interests. I will continue working for the students unless they openly show that they do not want me. I am nobody's hack or lackey.

Israel Zelechowsky, BSc IV,
ASUS Treasurer - elect

what's what

Motion concerning the Daily editorship

We, the Undersigned members of the Students' Society of McGill University, hereby request the President to call a Special Meeting of the Students' Society at 1 pm on Friday, March 24, 1972, in the Union Ballroom, according to the terms of the Students' Society Constitution, Article XV, paragraph (3), to consider the following initial motions:

1. Resolved, That the resolution pertaining to the contract between the Students' Society of McGill University and the Editor-in-Chief of the McGill Daily, adopted on March 15, 1972, be rescinded.
2. Resolved, That the resolution pertaining to the election of Tim Denton as Editor-in-chief of the McGill Daily, adopted on March 15, 1972, be rescinded.
3. Resolved, That Nesar Ahmad be named Editor-in-chief of the McGill Daily for the academic year 1972-73.

DAVIS RALLY CANCELLED

The rally in defense of Angela Davis, which was to be held tonight at the Université de Montréal, has been cancelled because the main speaker, Fania Davis, is unable to attend. She may be able to come to Montreal to speak at a later date.

GUIDANCE SERVICE

The Guidance Service needs to know what's bugging you so they can serve you better. If you have problems finding a job,

choosing a graduate school, or personal problems, state them in specific terms and address the letter to the McGill Guidance Service, 522 Pine W. Please include your age, faculty, year, and sex. If you want to save postage drop the letter off at any porter's office.

HANDBOOK

To all clubs, societies, and creative individuals on campus; an urgent request. The McGill Student Handbook needs information on next year's programs of all clubs and societies. The Handbook will not be solely an information book. It will attempt to capture the complete feeling of the divergent environment on campus. Your creative effort on this project is required. Submissions may come in form of descriptive writing, photographs, graphics, or poetry. Your support

is needed. Submissions should be left at the Students' Council office or at the Daily offices.

TODAY

McGill BLOOD DRIVE '72: Any person interested in working on the executive of next year's Blood Drive, please contact either Robert Perlman at 487-1422 or Bruce Katz at 844-8973.

OPEN MEETING: With Nesar Ahmad (staff choice for Daily editor) and Tim Denton (Council choice for Daily editor). Hillel House, 3460 Stanley, 1 pm.

NICKEL THEATRE: "Surprise Showing". Union ballroom, 12-2 pm.

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LETTERS

the most, in terms of circulation and financial support, the students of this university. I feel it is just as shortsighted to have the Daily editor chosen by the Daily's staff as it is for him to be chosen secretly, or otherwise, by the Students' Council. In this way the Daily staff could have the opportunity to foist their views, which may be similar to begin with, on the student populace, and prevent substantial opposition to those views. That is not to say that this would happen, but it could. In view of this I feel the Daily editor should be elected by the student population.

By the same token, it is appalling that a student government would have the audacity to attempt to muzzle the only effective means of information about activities on this campus. I wholeheartedly support the rejection of a "contract" between the Students' Council and the editor. Collaboration between these two groups would have too powerful a controlling interest in the running of student affairs.

Lastly, I feel the Daily editor should be elected at the same time as the Students' Council. If the editor turned out badly, then the students have no one to blame but themselves, but after all it's our money he's using.

Neill Iscoe MDCM I

A letter from Mr. Zinner...

I wish to have my name removed from the petition circulated on March 20th, 1972 regarding the open meeting.

I support the principle of the President meeting with students upon request. This is the most elemental form of executive responsibility.

However, I never intended to endorse the other positions of the petition.

Gabor Zinner

...and one from his friend

I wish my name taken off the petition because I support Council's choice, Tim Denton, for Editor.

D. Rovins

STATEMENT FROM
TIM DENTON

An open meeting of the Students' Society is in the language of article 15 of the Constitution, capable of transacting business. This means that if 300 members gather they may rightfully appoint a Daily editor if they have the majority required by Robert's Rules of Order to rescind a motion of Council. I shall stand by the decision of that meeting and hope that all my supporters will attend that meeting.

Timothy Denton
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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT
FROM THE UBYSSY
(UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH
COLUMBIA)

Gabor Zinner,
Students' Society President,
McGill University.

Dear Sir:

We understand that the McGill University Students' council and the staff of the McGill Daily are currently involved in a dispute over control of the newspaper's content - since this is essentially what the council's recent refusal to ratify the Daily staff's choice for editor amounts to.

Similar students' council actions - usually spearheaded by council executives - are occurring at a number of universities across Canada and Quebec at present; and in recent years many U.S. student newspapers have undergone similar attack on their editorial freedom.

As students who produce a university newspaper, we vigorously protest any incursion on the absolute freedom of newspaper staff to determine the content of the newspapers they produce. We have read the Daily regularly over the course of the year and know it to be one of the finest university newspapers in Canada. Any diminution of its editorial freedom can only lead to its deterioration into a bland house organ whose role will be that of apologist for student bureaucrats.

We urge you to reconsider your position and to conduct an open students' council vote on the Daily staff's choice for editor. We are confident that our fellow students at McGill do not want to see the Daily turn into a student government mouthpiece, and that the council will recognize this fact and vote accordingly.

We support the actions of the Daily staff in this matter and express solidarity with them in their fight to maintain the newspaper as an open and democratic student publication.

Sincerely,
Leslie Plommer
for the staff of The Ubyssy.

THOUGHTS ON
THE DAILY
"CRISIS"

A paper such as the McGill Daily has a tendency to become the product of a small group of people who largely seek reinforcement of their own beliefs and opinions through seeing them in print. The practice of electing an editor from the staff, by the staff, can propagate and intensify such ideological masturbation.

Control by the Students' Council can be seen as a solution only by the most naive student. It is clearly up to the investors and readers the students to act as watch dogs and howl when they do not get satisfaction.

The staff of a Daily-like paper may be motivated in part by a feeling that they have a higher message to convey, but these are

the people who do the hard work and deserve the right to give vent to their opinions. The rest of us must accept this if we are to have the benefit of a Daily without contributing any effort.

What do we, the readers, want from the Daily? I would suggest the following: ● Factual reports on events, activities, and decisions of the various sections of the McGill community. Personal opinions, beliefs, etc. may appear, but should be kept separate from the above.

● Articles concerned with the wider community of which we are members.

● Letters and other contributions, hopefully, selected to represent the whole spectrum of opinion.

● Today column, advertisements, etc.

Given these, why should we care who elects the editor? The most obvious reason is that an editor imposed upon the staff against their will would jeopardize the health of the paper. But there is another reason. The Daily is too important to be placed under the direct control of the Students' Council. They can hardly be called our representatives. They are mostly power tripping, petty politicians elected by a relatively small section of the student body, which surveys the photographs at poll time and makes a choice the way a beauty queen is chosen. And, like beauty queens, our so-called representatives are fine until they open their mouths, at which time they spew out garbage - of which the contract is a prime example. The Students' Council will continue to earn my apathy until it is made more representative by some form of decentralization.

Let us have an end to this nonsense. It is clear from the so-called Free Daily that Denton has no control as an editor over his staff. I ask him to admit this and make way for the real editor.

Roger G.E. Palfrey
Biology

Sowhat if he's incompetent?
Sir,

Nesar Ahmad promises an open Daily. His supporters, using ASUS funding and wrongfully using the McGill Daily logo, have produced three papers calling for an open Daily. The promise is a sham.

Any observer of last Wednesday's debacle could not doubt that a Daily run by Ahmad and drawing the type of support that he does would be far from open. And while Ahmad's personal integrity and motives are beyond question, what is open to apprehensive inquiry is both his ability to control his followers and concomitantly the chances for a wide range of views being welcomed in the paper.

Ahmad's supporters demonstrate a singular intolerance of opinions that differ from their own. During Wednesday's Coun-

cil meeting they verbally abused anyone who spoke for Tim Denton and following the final vote several made for the doors threatening to imprison Council until it changed its decision.

The whole affair raises several interesting questions. First, how many undecided Councilors, after having seen the actions of Ahmad's supporters, refused to believe that he could produce an open Daily? Secondly, if Ahmad could not control his supporters during one single but crucial Council meeting how can he maintain control through ninety issues of the Daily? Thirdly, if some of these people formed part of his staff how welcome would different opinions be? Fourthly, suppose Ahmad managed to gain the editorship largely through the efforts of these people, what would be the cost in terms of a greater share of control of the Daily for that faction?

If one clear fact emerges out of last Wednesday's vote it is that Denton is the legally constituted editor of the McGill Daily. No amount of rhetoric, innuendo, or outcry by a vocal minority can deny that fact. Moreover, Denton is indebted to no one for the editorship and thus, is in the best position to give full effect to his promise of an open Daily. Indeed, there is every indication that under Denton the Daily will become truly campus-wide and campus-oriented.

Denton's detractors argue that he lacks technical competence to be editor. This argument is illusory in that it assumes that the necessary precondition for editorship is technical competence. The only qualification that every editor needs and that Denton has is the determination to see that his mental image of what the Daily ought to be, is made to fully materialize. It is not the editor's job to physically produce the paper. This function is performed by his staff.

It should, at this point, be noted that the true losers in this struggle are last year's staff. They believe, and rightfully so, that their choice of editor ought to have been respected by Council. This argument would be unimpeachable were it not for the very real danger that the nonstaffers who so outrageously performed before Council would, if Ahmad were the editor, simply take over, and thereby produce, as one Council member aptly said, "a monolithic paper."

One final note is perhaps in order. The next time you read something pushing Ahmad and the open Daily ask yourself, "Do they truly support the staff, Ahmad, and the principle of an open Daily, or are they simply doing this to gain control of a vehicle for the furtherance of their own narrow purposes?"

Robert Doumani
Managing Editor
McGill Daily, 1970-71

Plea for

a properly elected editor

Sir,

Re: the Daily crisis.

On Friday I was approached to sign the petition for a free Daily. On reading the petition and its resolutions I felt that the Daily editor should be responsible to the people who support the Daily

Maybe we should put him on ice

by Laurie Breger

Last week marked the completion of the intramural athletic program at McGill. Activity included the final playoffs in the broomball, basketball and hockey leagues, as well as the annual intramural sports festival involving schools from all over Quebec.

In the intramural leagues it was again the case of history repeating itself, or, to the more cynical, of fools repeating history. Those infamous Talbotians, who have long been the scourge of the zest, made yet another two grooves in the annals of their opponents. In broomball the slickness of their play was matched only by Zinner's Council antics. As far as the Talbotians were concerned it was fortunate Gabby didn't slither onto the ice for fear of it parting and a horde of wallowing mermaids chanting "Robert, may I take your order?"

The Talbotians' blanking of the Engineers was akin to Robert Lantos' ballot, to say nothing of his mandate. The score? Three goals for the broomballers, but many more abstentions for Lantos. Lantos wins. Now who ever said that cheaters never prosper!

The Talbotians were spearheaded by the driving performance of Pierre Gobeil, the "Bobby Orr" of the broomball circuit. His unbounding courage and tireless dedication bring to mind one of our own little saviours here at McGill, one who has risen from the depths of anonymity to the limits of obscurity — Bennett Little. One marvels at his potential at the sport of broomball. Just think how smooth he would be gliding down the alley of challenge, fortified by the spirit of teamwork, humbled by his mission of destiny. Maybe we should put him on ice.

After coasting through three regular season games with an 18-2 goal spread, the Talbotians defeated the Imports before meeting the Engineers for the competition the Talbotians have lost but once.

The basketball yarn was of the same weave — only this time the Talbotians laboured under the guise of the Net Vets. The name was different but the characters and the ending were the same. In a rematch of last year's final the Net Vets met the reigning champs Med III, who were ruthlessly overthrown by a score of 39-31. The Vets spurred to a 14 point halftime lead and were never threatened until the middle of the fourth quarter. The Med team connived to within five, but a couple of crucial baskets by Joe Dylewski of the Vets sent the medicine men reeling into traumatic recoil. For Joe the win was particularly sweet, being the first intramural basketball

success for him in three years of competition. The final score sheet credited him the leading scorer with 12 points, followed by teammate Tom Lovacs with ten.

In the intramural hockey league a team from Management tried to justify its coddling by the Quebec government, taking the title with a 4-1 win over Law in the third game of a best-of-three series. Take heart, Robert. If your boys manage as well as they play hockey this province should soon cross the red line.

Last Wednesday on the night of the Council meeting the intramural department staged a show of its own. The seventh annual Intramural Sports Festival was held at McGill, with representatives from seven Quebec universities in six sports vying for nothing less than the MacDonald Trophy. The McGill intramural teams amassed a sum total of points more than double

that of their nearest rival for the Trophy, including first-place finishes in basketball (courtesy of the Net Vets), inner-tube waterpolo, badminton, volleyball and table tennis.

A dinner for members of all intramural championship teams will be held sometime next week. The date will be published as soon as it's known.

A SEA OF PLATITUDES

It is believed by some that people deserve the kind of leaders they get. This certainly cannot be the case in the present situation of McGill students, where only 10% of the potential electorate supported the president who now asserts himself as the "people's choice."

In fact, it can be argued that people can't possibly deserve the leaders they get unless they are given a clear idea of what those leaders stand for.

McGill students can't possibly deserve the likes of Gabor Zinner, for he has never made his position on any issue clear. One cannot help but note that Mr. Zinner is prone to talk in nothing but platitudes.

El Presidente continually refers to "commitment" and "unity" in the Students' Society. Generalities abound as they did in last Wednesday's Council meeting. Zinner expounded on the necessity for an "open" Daily, a Daily "relevant and worthwhile"

Similarly, his choice (and seemingly from his assertion, "the people's choice" as well) for editor, cub reporter Timothy Denton, talked of saving the Students' Society from "impending doom" and seemed to indicate that an "open" Daily under his editorship would accomplish this feat.

There has been a remarkable lack of substance in the comments of these two players in the latest edition of Students' Society Follies. What Mr. Zinner means by all his platitudes goes unexplained. Neither he nor Mr. Denton have explained what they mean by an "open" Daily. They tell us that they support it, but they don't tell us what they think it is.

By the same token, Mr. Denton has not indicated how his Daily would save the Students' Society from a lamentable demise.

The only plausible way that any Daily would promote unity in the Students' Society would be for that newspaper to be subservient to the Students' Council and its executive. Thus, there would be no disunity between the paper and the council.

However, at the same time, there would be no open newspaper, properly speaking.

The concept of an open newspaper does not entail the absence of any independent editorial position and policy. Such a publication would not be a true newspaper at all.

An open newspaper is one that welcomes and solicits commentaries of divergent points of view, but that always maintains its own independent editorial stand.

Furthermore, an open newspaper is one that adheres to the principle of staff democracy. This entails that the executives of the paper are responsible to the staff at large and as such must be selected by the newspaper staff.

This view of an open newspaper is consonant with the principles of journalistic freedom. As is readily apparent, however, these views are not in keeping with those of Messrs. Zinner and Denton.

No matter what they say to the contrary, they stand against an open Daily and against freedom of the press.

Brian Tannenbaum

STATEMENT FROM GABOR ZINNER

Yesterday I received a petition from 970 students requesting a Special meeting of the Students' Society in order to consider the motions printed on page 2.

Although my initial response was that any meeting requested by 970 students must be called, certain constitutional problems were encountered. The constitution stipulates that a Special Meeting must receive three days advance notice in the McGill Daily. To the extent that the McGill Daily had ceased publication and inasmuch as further publication and expenditures incurred require Council's ratification, it appeared impossible to call the meeting without violating the constitution. Another interpretation however was that 970 signatures warranted a publication of the McGill Daily.

The problem was that either course of action — i.e. publishing or not publishing a Daily seemed open to the possibility of violating the constitution and hence rendering the meeting non-binding. In my dilemma, I threw the question open to the Board of Regular Committees which met last night. This body is comprised of the presidents of all the graduate and undergraduate faculties on campus. The interpretation of the Board was that a publication of the Daily be authorized which was the decision I upheld in the publication of this issue and notice of motion contained therein.

During the past few days it has become evident that a sizeable portion of campus has been dissatisfied with Council's decision regarding the McGill Daily. Consequently, an open meeting would allow for an airing of views on this question. In addition re-

commendations can be made to council to reconsider its position.

My position regarding the Daily will be governed by the commitment made to campus during the presidential campaign. At that time I had pledged to reflect the views of the entire student body as adequately as possible. It goes without saying that 2100 requests cannot be ignored by any representative of the Students' Society. Furthermore, 2100 signatures are indicative of support for a reconsideration of Council's decision.

In view of the above, my actions and recommendations to Council will be guided by the course of the meeting and decisions taken on Friday.

In order to ensure that the problem of the editorship as well as next year's Daily receive the most adequate and most representative consideration possible, all members of the McGill community are urged to attend.

GABOR ZINNER
President

APS WORKERS SUPPORT DAILY STAFF

The workers at Academic Professional and Scholarly Publication Services Ltd (which typeset the Daily this past year) voice their solidarity with the staff of the Daily and its unanimous choice for next year's editor, Nesar Ahmad.

We urge McGill students to support the Daily in its struggle to maintain staff democracy and a free press at McGill by signing the Petition for a Free Daily.

FOLKMUSIC SOCIETY SUPPORTS DAILY

The McGill Folkmusic Society hereby supports the fight of the Daily staff and the Independent Students for a Free Daily, for a free and open Daily, free from censorship by any outside body, and for the principles of staff autonomy and democracy.

Bill Sloan, President,
McGill Folkmusic Society
(for the executive)

PURSE LOST

A purse containing important papers was lost in Room 307 in the Union during the ISA election. If anyone finds it, would they please call 845-8477 (after 7 pm)? Thank you.

CONTRIBUTIONS ON DAILY CRISIS WANTED

In view of the gravity of the present conflict between the DAILY and the Students' Council, and its implications for the future of a free and open newspaper on this campus, the DAILY strongly urges all students to submit whatever comments and thoughts they might have on this issue, whether agreeing or disagreeing with the DAILY's own position. Every effort will be made to publish as large and as representative a number of such contributions as is possible. Students are asked to address themselves directly to the immediate issue at hand.